REMARKS

Claims 1-40 were presented.

Under 35 U.S.C. §121, claims 1-40 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 1-9 have been deemed to correspond to Group I, drawn to a modular visual inspection device having a demountable inspection module.

Claims 10-34 have been deemed to correspond to Group II, drawn to a modular visual inspection device having a plurality of interchangeable insertion tubes having an elongated braided portion.

Claims 35-40 have been deemed to correspond to Group III, drawn to a modular visual inspection device having a plurality of insertion elements having differing cross sectional dimension.

ELECTION

Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 10-34, corresponding to Group II.

Applicants believe that elected claim 14 is generic as regards species claims 15, 16 and 17. In the event that Applicants are required to elect a species claim because generic claim 14 is not allowable, Applicants elect species claim 17.
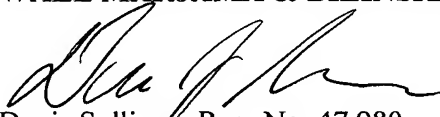
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CONCLUSION

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims in Group II, namely claims 10-34. Applicants submit that claims 10-34 are now in proper condition for allowance, and request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

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